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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT: Garrison Investigation

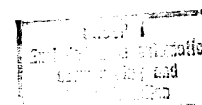
1. Mr. Walter J. Sheridan, the NBC announcer, has been subpoenaed by Garrison to appear before the Grand Jury in New Orleans in connection with the Garrison attack on the Warren Commission. His lawyer is Herbert "Jack" Miller, who also is counsel for [REDACTED]

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2. Mr. Miller informed me today that he has been approached by the lawyers for Clay Shaw, Mr. Irving Diamond and Mr. FNU Wakeman. They told Mr. Miller they felt Shaw was leveling with them but that they were so confused by the smoke screen Garrison was raising they would like to talk to someone in Government who could steer them as to the true facts and circumstances. I told Mr. Miller I had been advised by the Department of Justice that, in the event anyone from this Agency were subpoenaed in connection with the Garrison investigation, Justice would claim executive privilege, so I felt we would have to get advice from Justice as to whether discussion with Shaw's lawyers might impair the executive privilege claim.

3. I talked to Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack, First Assistant, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, who has been following the Garrison affair very closely. He agrees it is tempting to try to do something, such as talk to Shaw's lawyers, but he feels it is rather dangerous unless we know that we can trust them absolutely. If we feel it would be desirable to make some contact with Shaw's lawyers, Mr. Kossack will reconsider and check on

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them as far as possible through the U. S. Attorney's office.
I think we should consider this aspect carefully at the Wednesday morning meeting in your office.

s/

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